Have All Things Become New in Your Life?

Following your decision to follow Christ, did you begin your life of discipleship with the central goal of becoming like your Teacher?

 Answer: No — Explanation: If you did not begin your discipleship with a sincere desire to become like Christ, then there are serious reasons to question the authenticity of your new birth.

Discipleship is the process by which a person commits to actively following Christ, learning from Him, imitating His life, and living in obedience to His teachings. Being a disciple means more than simply admiring Lord Jesus—it means being a dedicated learner who models his entire life after the example of the Teacher. The disciple:

• Follows Christ with loyalty and perseverance;

• Seeks to know Him more deeply through the Word and prayer;

• Allows himself to be transformed by the Holy Spirit in character and behavior;

• Embraces the call to carry on Christ's teaching and make other disciples.

True new birth:

• Is marked by a burning desire to follow Christ and become like Him. • The lack of this desire and the path of discipleship shows that you have not truly understood His call. According to His words, you are not worthy to be His disciple. The Lord Jesus clearly said in Luke 14 that "if anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple."

Discipleship is not optional for the born-again believer—it is clear evidence of a regenerated life.

 Answer: Yes — Explanation: If, after deciding to follow Christ, you have humbled yourself—that is, become meek and submissive to His commands—and have stepped onto the path of discipleship with a sincere desire to become like Him, and day by day you work consciously as a dedicated disciple, aiming to reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13), this is a sign of a genuine new birth.

Authentic discipleship means:

• To follow Christ not only by accepting His teaching, but also by living and keeping His commandments, so that through fulfilling them His character, attitude, and way of life may be reflected in yor life.

• Allowing yourself to be continually transformed by the Holy Spirit to reflect the image of your Teacher.

• To live in self-denial, carrying your cross daily.

• Manifesting humility, which involves submission and obedience, even when the Lord's commands are difficult or contrary to your nature.

Through this commitment, your heart becomes the place where God truly works, gradually transforming you into His image and likeness.

If your answer is “Yes,” but looking honestly in the mirror of the Word, you see that you have kept old things in your life—as mentioned in the previous example—then you must humbly admit that this is not a life of authentic discipleship, but a state of self-deception.

This post is an excerpt from the booklet “Are You Truly Born Again? – Biblical Questionnaire”, which you can read in full, free of charge. More studies and resources for spiritual awakening are available at https://www.unmodifiedword.com.